

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY AND WESTERN IOWA POWER COOPERATIVE	DOCKET NO. SPU-99-34
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**ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR MODIFICATION
OF SERVICE AREA BOUNDARY**

(Issued February 17, 2000)

On December 27, 1999, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) and Western Iowa Power Cooperative (Western) filed a joint petition for modification of service area boundaries pursuant to 199 IAC 20.3(9). The petition included a service area agreement between MidAmerican and Western in which they mutually agree their service territories should be revised to reflect the area designated in the agreement. MidAmerican and Western request the Board transfer to Western the service territory in Section 26, Crawford County, described as follows:

The West Five acres of the following parcel:

All that part of the North Twenty-nine (29) acres of Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW1/4SW1/4) lying West of Federal Highway Number 59, Section 26, Township 83 North, Range 39 West of the 5th P.M., Crawford County Iowa, containing 22.97 acres.

In support of the modification, MidAmerican and Western state that a current customer has notified them of his intent to construct a home in a remote section of

his farmstead and has requested service. The location of the new home is close to Western's facilities. MidAmerican has no lines near the property. Iowa Code § 476.25 (1999) provides in pertinent part:

Contracts between electric utilities to designate service areas and customers to be served by the electric utility or for the exchange of customers between electric utilities, when approved by the board, shall be valid and enforceable and shall be incorporated into the appropriate exclusive service areas established pursuant to subsection 1 of this section. The board shall approve a contract if it finds that the contract will eliminate or avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, will provide adequate electric service to all areas and customers affected, will promote the efficient and economical use and development of the electric systems of the contracting electric utilities, and is in the public interest.

The Board will grant the MidAmerican and Western joint petition for modification of service area boundaries subject to complaint or investigation. MidAmerican and Western have alleged facts which establish the proposed modification is in the public interest, will prevent unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to all customers affected, and will promote the efficient and economical use of the electrical systems, pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.25 (1999). Additionally, customers of MidAmerican and Western will not be adversely affected by the modification.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The joint petition for modification of service area boundaries filed by MidAmerican Energy Company and Western Iowa Power Cooperative on

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December 27, 1999, is granted effective the date of this order subject to complaint or investigation.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary, Deputy

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 17th day of February, 2000.